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August 1, 2011

Douglas Bosco, Chairman, Public Member California Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to respectfully request that the Coastal Conservancy support the allocation of \$2.5 million to the Coastside Land Trust (CLT) for purposes of purchasing property known as Wavecrest, when the proposal comes before the Commission on September 22nd. The property is currently owned by the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST). An additional \$150,000 will enable CLT and its partners to plan and obtain permits for building a 1,800-foot segment of the California Coastal Trail through the property, and to produce a conceptual design for extending the Coastal Trail south to Ocean Colony.

The Wavecrest area has a small amount of land devoted to a current recreational use, and otherwise has a high density of natural resources. For example, there are many large cypress trees that will need to be preserved and managed for wildlife habitat. CLT will be a good steward. My understanding is that CLT currently owns about 45 parcels in the immediate area of the Wavecrest property owned by POST, and that CLT has an additional 25 parcels under negotiation. The acquisition of a 50-acre parcel would streamline land management on this section of the San Mateo Coast and improve the chance that natural resources will be efficiently and effectively enhanced.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and for the continued dedication of the Coastal Conservancy to public coastal access and to coastal resource preservation.

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Sincerely,

Jackie Speier

Member of Congress

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Douglas Bosco, Chairman California State Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am writing to urge your strong support for the Wavecrest project in the 8<sup>th</sup> Senate District, scheduled to be heard at the California Coastal Conservancy Board meeting on September 22nd, 2011. The proposed project would provide a \$2,500,000 grant to the Coastside Land Trust (CLT) to purchase and preserve a 50-acre portion of the coastal Wavecrest property in Half Moon Bay from the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST). An additional \$150,000 will enable CLT and its partners to plan and obtain permits for building a 1,800-foot segment of the California Coastal Trail through the property, and to produce a conceptual design for extending the Coastal Trail south to Ocean Colony.

As one of the last remaining undeveloped parcels in Half Moon Bay from Highway 1 to the ocean, Wavecrest is critical for regional conservation. The Bay Area Upland Habitat Goals Project rates the Wavecrest property as an "area essential to the Conservation Goals" of the Santa Cruz Mountains North region. It is dense in regionally significant habitat, serving as one of the most important habitat sites for wintering raptors in San Mateo County, and one of the most important sites for wintering short-eared owls in the state.

Beyond the high density of natural resources, Wavecrest provides key recreational opportunities to the community of Half Moon Bay. With only nine acres of developed parks servicing thousands of Coastside residents, it is a designated parks-poor community. A grant from the Coastal Conservancy will protect current recreational use of the property, and will expand future opportunities through the construction of the Coastal Trial.

Since CLT currently owns about 45 parcels in the immediate area, and has an additional 25 parcels under negotiation, the acquisition of this 50-acre parcel would streamline land management on this section of the San Mateo Coast. The partnership between POST and CLT represents a strategic collaboration that is essential in these times when budget shortfalls limit the ability of public agencies to assume ownership of such properties.

In order to preserve these recreational opportunities, protect Wavecrest's rich wildlife habitat, and improve the overall health of the land, timely approval of this grant is critical.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my San Mateo District Office at (650) 340-8840.

Sincerely,

LELAND Y. YEE, PH.D. California State Senate

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July 28, 2011

Mr. Douglas Bosco California Coastal Conservancy 1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Oakland, CA 94612-2530

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I am writing to urge your support for the Wavecrest project, scheduled to be heard at the California Coastal Conservancy Board meeting on September 22, 2011. The proposed project would provide a \$2,500,000 grant to the Coastside Land Trust (CLT) to purchase and preserve a 50-acre coastal portion of the Wavecrest property in Half Moon Bay from the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST). An additional \$150,000 will enable CLT and its partners to plan and obtain permits for building a 1,800-foot segment of the California Coastal Trail through the property, and to produce a conceptual design for extending the Coastal Trail south to Ocean Colony.

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Chairman Douglas Bosco July 28, 2011 Page 2

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Assembly nember, 19th District

## **DON HORSLEY**

Board of Supervisors County of San Mateo

> Douglas Bosco, Chairman, Public Member California Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors 1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Oakland, CA 94612-2530

July 18, 2011

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to urge your strong support for the Wavecrest project, scheduled to be heard at the California Coastal Conservancy Board meeting on September 22, 2011. The proposed project would provide a \$2,500,000 grant to the Coastside Land Trust (CLT) to purchase and preserve a 50-acre coastal portion of the Wavecrest property in Half Moon Bay from the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST). An additional \$150,000 will enable CLT and its partners to plan and obtain permits for building a 1,800-foot segment of the California Coastal Trail through the property, and to produce a conceptual design for extending the Coastal Trail south to Ocean Colony.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely.

Don Horsley, Member

San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

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City of Half Moon Bay



501 Main Street Half Moon Bay, CA 94019 650-726-8271

August 17, 2011

Douglas Bosco, Chairman, Public Member California Coastal Conservancy Board of Directors 1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Oakland, CA 94612-2530

Dear Chairman Bosco:

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Sincerely,

Naomi Patridge, Mayor

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